TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (As Amended at ARRS, September 14, 2021)

301 KAR 1:082. Frog season; limits.

RELATES TO: KRS [450.025,] 150.175, 150.360

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS [13A.350,]150.025(1)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 150.025(1) authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish seasons for the taking of fish and wildlife, to regulate creel limits and methods of take, and to make these requirements apply to a limited area. This administrative regulation establishes[It] [is necessary to regulate] the season, time, bag limit, and manner of taking for bullfrogs [in order] to utilize and conserve the bullfrog population[thereof]. [This amendment is necessary to change the opening day and time and to bring Section 3 of this administrative regulation in compliance with the gigging season.]

Section 1. The open season on bullfrogs shall begin at 12 noon on the 3rd Friday in May and continue until 12 midnight October 31. The daily creel limit shall be fifteen (15) bullfrogs with a possession limit of thirty (30) bullfrogs after two (2) or more days frogging. Each day for taking bullfrogs shall begin at 12 noon and end at 12 noon the following day. *A person shall not [No person may]* have more than fifteen (15) bullfrogs in his possession while in the field.

Section 2. Bullfrogs may be taken with gig, by hand, bow and arrow, firearm, or hook and line from public and private waters [, and an appropriate license is required]. If bullfrogs are taken with firearm or bow and arrow, a hunting license is required. If bullfrogs are taken by use of a pole and line, a fishing license is required. If bullfrogs are taken with hand or by use of a gig, [then either] a fishing license or a hunting license is valid.

Section 3. <u>It[Except as provided in Section 3 of 301 KAR 1:075, it]</u> shall be illegal to possess a gig, of any type, while in a boat, or on [,] or in a stream [,] or lake, <u>from</u> [between] November 1 <u>through</u> [and] the last day of January of the following year [, both dates inclusive].

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